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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. 01-1737)

In re Application of: Duen et al.)	
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Serial No.: 10/055,686)	Before the Examiner: K. Padmanabhan
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Filed: January 18, 2002)	Group Art Unit: 1641
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For: Allergen Detection Chip)	
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RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION MAILED JULY 14, 2004

Sir:

Responsive to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed July 14, 2004, Applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, to prosecute the invention of Group I, *i.e.* claims 1-5 and 9.

Applicant's respectfully request reconsideration and modification of the restriction requirement. In particular, Applicants contend that the claims of Group I and Group II are not directed toward different inventions. Although the Office has grouped these claims under different sub-classes, it is not clear to the Applicants why this is the case. Applicants respectfully contend that the claims of Group I and Group II fall within the same class and subclass, and as such the necessary search would not be unduly burdensome.

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If Examiner Padmanabhan believes it to be helpful, he is invited to contact the undersigned representative by telephone at (312) 913-0001.

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